

## **Czech Republic**

### **Facts and Statistics**

**Location:** Central Europe, bordering Austria 362 km, Germany 646 km, Poland 658 km, Slovakia 215 km

**Capital:** Prague

**Population:** 10,246,178 (July 2004 est.)

Ethnic Make-up: Czech 81.2%, Moravian 13.2%, Slovak 3.1%, Polish 0.6%, German 0.5%, Silesian 0.4%, Roma 0.3%, Hungarian 0.2%, other 0.5% (1991)

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 39.2%, Protestant 4.6%, Orthodox 3%, other 13.4%, atheist 39.8%

### **The Czech Language**

95% of the population speak Czech. 3% of the population speak Slovak, which is closely related to Czech. 2% of the population speak Czech but are also mother tongue speakers of German, Hungarian, Romani and Polish.

### **Czech Society & Culture**

#### **The Family**

- . The family is the centre of the social structure.
  - . Obligation to the family is a person's first priority.
- Practicality
- . Czechs prize forward thinking, logical, practical, and efficient.
  - . Careful planning, in both one's business and personal life, provides a sense of security.
  - . Rules and regulations allow people to know what is expected and to plan their life accordingly.

#### **Privacy**

- . Czechs are private people until they get to know you.
- . They are formal and reserved.
- . Once you develop a personal relationship Czechs open up a bit, but they are never overly emotional.
- . Although always polite, they seldom move to a first-name basis with people outside their extended family or very close friends.
- . Czechs tend not to acknowledge people whom they do not know as they walk along the street or ride the train.